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Temple Parks and Leisure Services is Conducting a Community-Wide Survey

(Temple) – The Temple Parks and Leisure Services Department is surveying Temple residents to find out how often they use the city's parks and their opinion of them. "This is an important survey for us. We hope to gather feedback and suggestions for further improving the park system. We strive to maintain and provide great parks and facilities for our community. We want to keep an open line of communication with our residents to find out what their priorities are so we can make sure that our future planning supports those needs," said Ken Cicora, Director of Temple Parks and Leisure Services.

The survey inquires about everything from which parks and trails are visited most often to the maintenance and feeling of safety in the park or along the trail.

"This is the second year for this parks and trails community-wide survey. "Last year, we received great feedback and we have made some improvements and changes based on that survey. We added trash cans to the disc golf courses, replaced a slide at Jackson Park, upgraded Wiseman field to a playable field, and addressed several other concerns all brought to our attention from the survey," said Cicora.

"We want to hear from a variety of community members, so we targeted random addresses across

Temple to receive a hard copy of the survey in the mail. We are also sending it out electronically to our current users, but we want to reach as many of our residents as possible. In order to do that, we are providing a link on our website www.TempleParks.com and we encourage those residents who do not receive the survey any other way to please take a few minutes to visit our website and participate in the survey," said Cicora.

The survey will be open through the month of May. Once the results are tabulated, department staff will meet with the Parks and Leisure Services Advisory Board to address concerns and plan for future improvements to the park system.

For more information about the community-wide parks survey, please contact Marketing Coordinator Kristi Sykora at 254.298.5586 or visit www.TempleParks.com to take the survey.

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